

November 16, 1999

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee,  
O'Donnell, Walker, and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilmember Messerlian.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows,  
City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Councilmember Horwich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Joanne Satterburg, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Cribbs announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee meeting 1st Quarter Budget Review had been held earlier in the evening and that a report to Council would be forthcoming.

City Clerk Herbers invited interested parties to attend a City Council Candidate orientation seminar on Wednesday, November 17 with full information available by calling 310/618-2870. She further reminded everyone that solicitation for funds to that end should not be made until papers have been filed.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION 99-124 – JAMES LORENZ**

Resolution 99-124 honoring and commending Police Officer James Joseph Lorentz upon his retirement from the City after thirty years of service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-124**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING  
POLICE OFFICER JAMES JOSEPH LORENTZ UPON  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY  
YEARS OF SERVICE**

**MOTION:** City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title for Resolution 99-124 and Councilmember Lee moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE KEY CLUB WEEK**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of November 7 through 13, 1999 as ***Key Club Week*** in the City of Torrance to Melissa Kim, President, and Stephanie Lee, Vice President, Bishop Montgomery High School Key Club

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **WELFARE-TO-WORK AGREEMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize the execution of a Welfare-to-Work agreement with the City of Los Angeles to provide employment and training services ending June 30, 2000.

7b. **SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the sale of six (6) surplus vehicles.

7c. **FY 2000-2004 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve FYI 2000-2004 Torrance Short Range Transit Plan (S RTP) for final submittal to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).

7d. **PURCHASE ORDER RE CAB AND CHASSIS STAKE BED TRUCKS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$81,729.21 to Miracle Ford of Pasadena, Inc. Pasadena, CA, for the purchase of two (2) Cab and Chassis Stake Bed Trucks.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER RE CUSTODIAL PAPER GOODS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize annual purchase orders for the purchase of various custodial paper goods for \$82,191.27.

**MOTION:** Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items a through e as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by a unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

9. **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9a. **INTENTION TO VACATE PORTION OF ALLEY WEST OF APPLE AVENUE**

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve and adopt a **RESOLUTION** declaring the intention to vacate a portion of the alley west of Apple Avenue and south of Lincoln Avenue and setting December 14, 1999 as the date for the hearing thereon.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-128**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO  
VACATE A PORTION OF THE ALLEY WEST OF APPLE  
AVENUE AND SOUTH OF LINCOLN AVENUE IN THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR  
THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE  
PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION**

**MOTION:** City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title for Resolution 99-128 and Councilmember Lee moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

15. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

15a. City Manager Jackson stated that if Council was comfortable with canceling the meeting of November 30 as it was fifth Tuesday it would be placed on the next agenda.

15b. Mayor Hardison announced with pleasure that City employees had donated over \$3,000 to the American Cancer Society from the proceeds of the First Annual Employee variety show held last month.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:17 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c), and 54957, the Council went into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

Council reconvened at 9:37 p.m. and Mayor Hardison noted for the record that Item 16c, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, was not considered in closed session. No formal action was taken on any other matter heard during closed session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:39 p.m., City Council and Redevelopment Agency adjourned to Tuesday, November 23, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. for an Executive Session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.